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TRANT REPUBLICANS INTO LINE.

He Again Lacked Two Votes When

the Joint Ballot for Senator

Was Taken Yesterday.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 25.-The third

ballot for United States senator to succeed

Joseph C. S. Blackburn was taken to-day

by the Kentucky Legislature. Before the

two houses met in joint session it was

stated that Governor Bradley would receive

forty five Democratic and twenty-four Re-

publican votes. Rumors of bribery had been

o'clock that the Hunter forces had brought

and that Hunter, the nominee, would cer-

money Democrats would vote with the Hun-

tainly win. It was also said that the sound-

ter forces to make a continuous session to-

day and vote till sundown or till some can-

had been bought, bribed or "monkeyed"

with. He concluded by voting for the Re-

the gold Democrat, received thirteen, an

increase of two over yesterday. There was

one scattering vote. Hunter also received

No attempt was made to make the session

continuous, and, without further remarks,

deavor to whip the Bradley bolters into

prediction is freely made that if a senator

Governor W. O. Bradley and not W. G.

Hunter, Some of Mr. Hunter's friends ad-

mit to one another to-night that his fate is

sealed, that he cannot be elected, and will

the prize he has so nearly grasped on two

occasions. The situation as understood by

get the needed two votes and will lose more

ter man, State Senator Deboe, Yerkes or

Holt, and influence his immediate election

something in the way, though. The six

out their votes, and will insist that he be

Hunter majority of Republicans hold on to

him, and they may never consent to vote for any one else, unless absolutely com-

manded to do so from Washington. The

A Free-Silver Party.

gates were present from outside of Lincoln.

state central committee was formed with

AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS.

New Jersey Multi-Millionaire.

took the last step in a boom-day litigation

of thirteen years' standing. During the

boom Samuel C. Schaeffer, who was Blair's

financial agent, bought the land, using the

New Jersey man's money and overcharging

him, it is alleged, \$30,000. Blair brought

suit for the title to the property and began

criminal action against Schaeffer. Under

the criminal charge Schaeffer was sen-

tenced to the Missouri penitentiary, but the

decision was reversed by the Supreme

Court on the ground that the crime was

committed in New York. Before the trial

came up in New York Schaeffer disap-

peared from the country. Blair began suit

for the title of the property in 1884. Justice

Brewer decided in Blair's favor, the Su-

preme Court reversed the decision and ap-

pointed a special master to adjust the ac-

count. In February last the property was

sold to recover \$100,000 due Blair and was

bought in by him. To-day the sale was

\$1,500,000 FOR THE POOR

Baroness Hirsch to Expend a Large

Sum for Charity in New York.

NEW YORK, March 25 .- The World this

Hirsch is about to expend \$1,500,000 in chari-

to Turkey and trustee of the Baron Hirsch

fund, which expends here for charitable

\$2,400,000 annually, says that the baroness

land and put up a complete building for the

Baron Hirsch trade school, already estab-

lished. She has further appropriated

\$1,000,000 for the building of model houses

for the poor in the tenement district, or

wherever the trustees of the fund may de-

termine. In addition, she will build a work-

ing girls' home on plans similar to those

abroad. The baroness has authorized the

Educational Alliance, whose work is

chiefly among the Russian Hebrews, to pay

off at her expense the \$100,000 mortgage on

24-Foot Fly Wheel Bursts.

foot fly wheel at Carnegie's Edgar Thomson

steel works, Braddock, burst about mid-

night, killing David Hugo, workman, and

seriously injuring George Snyder. The

a of other homes she has had built in cities

sional district.

election, and most probably the latter.

by the reunited Republicans.

It is reported that the administration

outsiders to-night, is that Hunter has reached the high-water mark and can never

s elected to succeed Blackburn he will be

But this seems improbable, and the

the votes of Stout, Baird and Norman, free-

BIG 4 ROUTE HUNTER'S FATE SEALED

A Week of Music --- AT---CINCINNATI

Monday, March 29

New York Metropolitan Opera Co

Theo. Thomas Orchestra

To give the people an opportunity to hear this great combination, the Big Four | affoat all morning and it was said at 11 will, on March 29, 30 and 31, and April 1, 2 and 3, sell excursion tickets at low rate of | back two of the Republican bolters into line

\$3.50 for the Round Trip Tickets good returning three days, in-

cluding date of sale. Call on Big Four agents, No. 1 East | didate was elected. While the vote was be-Washington street, Massachusetts avenue | ing taken Representative Nance, a bolting and Union Station, for further particulars. Republican, arose and hotly denied that he H. M. BRONSON, A. G. P. A.

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WAGES TO BE MAINTAINED.

Not Suffer by Disruption of the Pool.

CLEVELAND, O., March 25.-It was an-

nounced to-day that John D. Rockefeller's representative at the recent meeting of the Bessemer Iron Association made a fight against a reduction of the wages of ore miners. It was stated after the meeting had adjourned without reaching an agreement that the wages of men in the Rockefeller mines would not be cut, no matter what others did. Rockefeller's representative at the meeting was F. T. Gates, of New York. When the question of wages was under discussion, it is said, Mr. Gates declared wages ought not to be reduced. "The wages at the Rockefeller mines will not be reduced," he said, "and if the other producers think they can improve conditions by reducing wages they are mistaken. That would be beginning at the wrong end. If anything wages ought to be increased." The general impression among iron men here is that the breaking of the ore pool will cause a big boom in the production of the upper lake mines. It is predicted that the shipments of ore to the lower lakes during the coming season will aggregate twelve million tons and present indications are that most of this will be consumed at the furnaces which have been awaiting an adjustment of the affairs of the ore producers before resuming operations.

\$200,000 FOR A SCHOOL

Generous Joint Gift from William R.

Grace, Wife and Son.

NEW YORK, Mech 25.-William R. Grace, his wife, Lillian G. Grace, and his son, Joseph P. Grac" have jointly set aside \$200,000 for the founding of a manual training school for young women and girls. A bill providing for the incorporation of the institution has been introduced in the Legislature by Assemblyman L. E. Brown. when established, will be known as the Grace Institute of New York City. The plans are not yet completed in detail. No site has yet been chosen, nor have any architectural plans been considered. The charter was applied for by Mr. Grace at this time that it may be granted

DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Frank Nielan Shoots His Sister-in-law and Kills Himself.

at the present session.

SUSQUEHANNA, Pa., March 25 .- Frank Nielan, a resident of Oakland, shot and probably fatally wounded his sister-in-law, its property. Mrs. John Stallock, to-day and then shot himself through the heart, dying instantly. Nielan had been living apart from his wife for some time and she has been living with her sister, Mrs. Stallock. Nielan called at Mrs. Stallock's house this morning and requested to be allowed to see his | damage to the plant was very heavy, and He was denied admission whereupon I the entire works have been closed down I he fired at Mrs. Stallock.

BY THE LIBERTY SEEKING PEOPLE OF THE ISLAND OF CRETE.

at Malaxa Blown Up

THAT CAME FROM THE WAR SHIPS OF TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

News of the Fighting and Action of Admirals Reached that City.

IMPORTANT

CROWN PRINCE CONSTANTINE OR-DERED TO THE FROSTIER,

Where Hostilities May Begin at An Time-Britain Refuses to Take Part in Greek Blockade.

tan question now centers in the war between the Turks and Christians in Crete, which broke out afresh with renewed vigor vesterday. During Wednesday night the insurgents attacked the Mussulmans on the outskirts of Suda, and drove them from the lockhouse at Malaxa. The fighting coninued all yesterday. Both the Turkish war hips and vessels of the foreign fleets shelled the Christians. Last night the rebels blew up the blockhouse and it was

A dispatch from Athens says the news of the dynamiting of the Malaxa blockhouse of a day of fierce fighting and a prolonged siege, has made a tremendous sensation in Athens. It is regarded as an event of farreaching importance, both in its effect on the insurgents themselves and upon the Greek mind at this stage of the crisis. It confirms the belief generally entertained in official circles at Athens, as well as by the people at large, that the Christians in Crete ade, and not in the least beguiled by the appeals of the admirals or the implied arguments of the autonomy proclamation. Advices from Canea as to the details of the day's fighting show that the insurgents displayed the most desperate valor and left the Turkish garrison of the blockhouse no lems was followed immediately by occupafrom the Turkish war ships in Suda bay was impossible. The commander of the in surgents, having resolved that if they could mite. At 8 o'clock last night the longfought-for blockhouse was a mass of burning debris and the flames were lighting up

the blockaded waters of the bay.

BOLD MOVE BY GREEKS Immediately on receipt of the news at Bradley Republicans will try to name the other than a Hunter man. This makes the best judges say it is Hunter, Bradley or no of the Greek army in Thessaly and a deeree will be published to-day. It is underfor the actual appearance of his commisparty now in the Legislature. About forty delegates were present. Only twelve dele- fixed so early in order that any unneces- protect the convoy and send it to the rear | Twitchell, of Meriden, Conn.; as coiners of Judge Gregory, of Omaha, was selected to attend the meeting of the provisional na- be avoided. The departure of the crown that place. The insurgents are numerous, Rockefeller's Iron-Ore Miners Will tional committee, to be held on June 8. A prince with the full approval of the King and and the Cabinet to take supreme control L. C. Pace and W. B. Price, both of Linof the army can have but one meaning. coln, as chairman and secretary, respectively. The state committee is made up of The Greek government is determined not eighteen members, three from each congresto accept the terms offered by the powers for a peaceful settlement of the Cretan difficulties. His presence among the troops is certain to have the most exhilarating effect upon them, and it is notice to Turkey Decision in Favor of John Blair, the that if a conflict comes the Greek troops will enter it under the leader of their own choice. The step thus taken is momentous. KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 25 .- Judge The official Proja denies that the govern-Phillips, in the United States Circuit Court ment has made any proposal to the powers to-day, confirmed the sale of 200 acres of respecting Crete beyond its original reply land in the east bottoms to John Blair, the to the identitical notes of the powers. Blairstown, N. J., millionaire, and thus

The military preparations at Athens go on unceasingly upon a large scale. Contracts are being placed abroad for blankets o'clock this afternoon, while the Turkish and cloth for uniforms, as well as other equipments. The Greek newspapers continue with one voice to denounce the prothat this solution could not now be accepted by the government, even if the powers plausible chance of arriving at a settlement

Already an agitation has begun in Athens for the return of the Czar's donation for this, the people now demand that the clergy shall cease to pray for the Czar. Thousands of signatures are appended to a protest by Cretans against the blockade, which protest runs in part as follows: "We, Cretans sojourning in Greece, protest before God and man against the unjust and inhuman death which some of the great potentates is that they are seeking for freedom as those potentates themselves have formerly

The Times correspondent at Canea says the landing of the Seaforth Highlanders at Candia yesterday caused an exciting scene It was evident that the natives had not been warned of their coming. The Turkish soldiers hastened to the shore, loading their rifles and using menacing language

but were soon pacified. GREECE WILL REPLY TO-DAY. The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Athens says the reply of the Greek government to the notification of blockade will be handed to the foreign embassadors today. It will be a brief and dignified pro test, emphasizing chiefly the fact that the result of the blockade of the island must be to starve innocent Cretans. A private meetto starve innocent Cretans. A private meetthe same time, however, in order, apparling of members of the Boule was held in entity, to avoid an open rupture with the
Buskirk postmaster. His principal competiRichard Mansfield, the actor, and was a Athens yesterday and as the result of it

a deputation waited upon M. Delyannis to ask him for an explanation of the situation. The premier replied that the government would follow the line of policy already adopted but would be glad to hear the opinion of deputies on the suggestion that Crete should be treated like Bosnia and Herzegovina in the event that the powers continued to oppose its union with

The Athens correspondent of the Times says that the minister of war presided at a war council yesterday, and that one of the aids of the King was present. The greater portion of the Greek fleet now remains at Skiathos. The resolution of sympathy with Greece adopted by the American Senate reached the government yesterday. Should war break out there is little doubt that Greece will do her best to remain on the defensive on the land, but will take the offensive at sea with a view to capturing the islands in the Aegenn. The Turkish army occupies many strong positions in the mountain passes, but it is hardly likely to take the offensive unless the Greek fleet is permitted by the powers to pursue an unchecked career of conquest. It is doubtful, however, whether the officers will be able to prevent the Greek troops from invading Macedonia. The enthusiasm of the soldiers will decide the plan of campaign.

A dispatch from Constantinople to the Times says that yesterday (Thursday) the embassadors of the powers received a formal protest from the Mohammedans of Crete against the proposal to grant autonomy to the Island, and demanding the maintenance of the Sultan's sovereign authority and co-operative support of the

The Times correspondent at Vienna, dwelling on the dilatory tactics of the powers in the Graeco-Cretan affair, says that if it were intended to blockade the ports of Greece they ought to have put the scheme into operation before the Greeks had had time to lay submarine mines, as they are believed to have done, at the entrances to the gulfs of Volo and Petali.

national troops, welcoming them to Crete, and adding: "We exhort you by your conpeople whom the powers charge us to protect and promptly to save from the horrors often times may be painful; but we rely upon you to defend the interests of humanity and the honor of our flags."

The Turkish squadron has left the Dardanelles, part of the ships proceeding to Smyrna and the remainder to Salonica.

CRETANS MAKING WAR.

Fighting Between Insurgents and Turks-Shells from Foreign Fleets.

CANEA, March 25 .- The insurgents made determined attacks on the blockhouse or fort at Malaxa, outside of Suda, to-day During the night the insurgent forces were pushed forward until they occupied convenient positions for attack, and about 6 a. m. the artillery opened fire on the Turkish blockhouse. The pieces of the Christians were served with such admirable promptness and precision that in a short time nothing remained to the Turks but and commenced a retreat on Suda, relying on the Turkish var ships in the bay to save them from the Christians. The Sultan's fleet opened a badly judged fire on the nsurgents in order to cover the retreat short or far beyond the insurgent forces. then, pouring a few volleys in the direction of the insurgents' skirmish lines. The insurgents succeeded in pushing on as far

of the fact that the garrison of the fort Athens the premier and the minister of war | was retreating on Suda, closely pursued by of the insurgents' doings, the latter had ammunition train. Near Keratidi the Turks if necessary. The Turkish garrison at Malaxa lost heavily during the retreat from fleet of the powers prevented the entire Politically, there is no change in the situation. The Cretan chiefs have definitely decided to refuse autonomy, and will continue the struggle until the union of the island with Greece is an acknowledged fact. Cretan coast; but this has not prevented

At nightfall the Christians still occupied the fort at Malaxa, from which they drove the Turks by bombardment this morning, in spite of the shells which fell around and which set fire to the blockhouse. At 3:5 reinforcements were vainly struggling to capture the heights above Nerak Ourou, the Christians from Akrotiri attacked the Turkish cordon at Halepa, which was keeping them at a distance with mountain ar-

Desperate fighting continued between the Turks and the Christians until a quarter past 3 o'clock this afternoon in and about the village of Tsikalaria, not far from Suda, to which point the insurgents succeeded in pushing forward this morning while in pursuit of the retreating garrison of Malaxa. The insurgents burned several more houses of Tsikalaria, whereupon the war ships of the foreign powers, at 3:15 . m., began firing at the Christians. The bombardment, however, only lasted ten

The fleets fired ninety shells on the insurgents around Malaxa, and some of these fell inside the blockhouse. Of the Turkish garrison, numbering sixty-four, one escaped o Nerokhuri and eighteen others to Suda, t is believed that the others perished. At 8 o'clock this evening the insurgents ucceeded in blowing up the blockhouse with dynamite. The whole structure is now in flames and the Turkish war ships are bombarding the insurgents.

BRITAIN ISOLATES HERSELF. She Will Not Openly Take Part in the

Blockade of Greek Ports. CONSTANTINOPLE, March 25. - The change in the policy of Great Britain fore-

shadowed in these dispatches yesterday has assumed definite shape. The recent massacre of Armenians at Tokat, the danger of further outbreaks in Anatolia and the action of the Porte in semi-officially point- step to remove the financial issue from poiing out to the Turkish press and provincial officials that the blockade of the Island of Crete by the fleets of the powers and the support given to the Turkish forces by the foreign fleets was a triumph for the policy of the Sultan and have had their effect in showing that the Christians in Armenia are in danger of extermination. Consequently it is semi-efficially stated here of Great Britain to take part in the proposed blockade of the ports of Greece. At

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SPIRITED CONTEST SETTLED BY REPRESENTATIVE OVERSTREET.

Chairman of the Marion County Republican Committee to Be Collector of the Port of Indianapolis.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICE

PROSPECTIVE POSTMASTERS IN MA-RION AND DUBOIS COUNTIES.

Editor Lewis, of Huntingburg, Rewarded-John C. Chancy Boomed for a Good Position.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, March 25.-Representative Overstreet has settled the contest for appointment to the position of collector of the port of Indianapolis by recommending A. A. Young for the office, and he will be named. The term of the incumbent, Mr. Tanner, does not expire, however, until next fall, and Mr. Overstreet will not ask for the appointment of Mr. Young until then. He is mindful of the fact that Collector Tanner was a hard-money Democrat during the last campaign, contributing in no small degree to the defeat of Bryan and collateral local tickets, and for that reason he will make no move to disturb him until Ewald Over, Jefferson H. Claypool and A. E. Matthews, a gold Democrat.

Mr. Overstreet has recommended the following gentlemen for appointment as post masters in Marion county: Acton-Joel F. Sutherland. Castleton-F. M. Pilcher.

Clermont-Elmer E. Huitzer. New Augusta-Solon E. Stirewalt. Traders' Point-Chelsey Ray. North Indianapolis-C. E. Beatty This list completes Mr. Overstreet's postoffice appointments, except in a few small offices, where there are no contests.

Senator Fairbanks to-day recommended the appointment of the following for postmasters in Dubois county, Indiana:

Jasper-Sebastian Anderson. Thales-Felix B. Waldrip. Ellsworth-Lafayette Ellis, Dubois-Randolph Hallen. Celestine-Ferdinand Schneider. Schnellville-Charles N. Simmonds. Altoga-Sophia Pfoff. Ireland-Albert W. Stewart. Haysville-Henry Rhuerschneck.

St. Anthony-Henry C. Hause hauer. Senator Fairbanks has also recommended the appointment of John W. Lewis as postmaster at Huntingburg, Dubois county This is a presidential office, and the commission of the present postmaster there expires June 13, 1897. Mr. Lewis, the successful applicant, is the editor of the Huntingburg Argus. \* \* \*

Col. W. W. Dudley and Congressmen Faris and Steele to-day presented to the President the application of John C. Chaney for the position of assistant attorney general especial fitness for this place, and is inmen of prominence in the Republican party The Governor and State officers of Indiana and the Republican members of both houses of the Legislature testify to his valuable services in the late campaign, and the Republican organizations in the district indorse his qualifications and Republicanism,

Representative Faris feels joyful over getting twelve pension cases through since Mr. Faris believes that the old soldiers from now on than has been accorded them

during the past four years. Additional applications for appointment the mint, Waddy Thompson at New Orleans, A. H. Miller at Charlotte, N. C.; as the two last Turkish fortresses. Only the Deveraux at Savannah, Ga., W. D. Kelly at Grand Haven, Mich., E. V. Cobb at Pembina, N. D., S. D. Slemmons at Erie. Pa., L. S. Hough and Thomas Lee at Phil adelphia, W. N. Linton at Brownsville Tex; as surveyors of customs, W. W. Lanning and L. B. Kauffman at Columbus, O. as naval officer of customs, J. Watts and T J. Edwards at New Orleans; as appraisers of customs, Joseph Badenock, T. S. Alseveral small Greek vessels from landing bright and J. A. Criswell at Chicago, Roban Austrian gunboat which put into a har- revenue, G. W. Lawrence at San Francisco, bor, owing to the severity of the weather, G. T. Boggs, C. H. Milversted and Richard had on board sixty volunteers and a quanti- Lockey at Helena, Mont., John Davis and W. R. Merrill at Santa Fe, N. M.

Powell Clayton, just confirmed as United States minister to Mexico, called at the State Department to-day to make some intion and proposes to move slowly in that direction, although he is in receipt of no end of applications for places. Minister Ciayton will remain in the United States for the full period of thirty days allowed by statute for the receipt of instructions, so he will not arrive in Mexico before the latter part of April.

Ex-Congressman Ringer Hermann, of dence two ex-commissioners-Messrs, Carter and Burdette-and both Oregon representatives-Messrs. Ellis and Tongue, the latter Mr. Hermann's successor in Congress | clude every department of church work -were present at the installation.

The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of Chester H. Brush, of Connecticut to be recorder of the General Land Office and Bernard Bettmann, of Ohio, to be col lector of internal revenue for the First district of Ohio. Captain E. L. Dorsey, of Jeffersonville

who was indersed for supervising inspector

of steam vessels for the Sixth district by

Senator Fairbanks, filed his application and

papers with the President to-day. John P. Frenzel, of Indianapolis, arrived in the city to-day. He came on business

H. H. Hanna, the hard-money advocate. made another call at the White House today in pushing his plan for the appointment of a nonpartisan currency commission-a

Railroad energy is being turned upon a proposition to have the House consider a pooling bill soon after the Dingley bill is passed over to the Senate. Wall street has it that he has agreed to do so, but the announcement is premature.

The Bloomington Postoffice.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 25 .- After banks has notified the Republicans of tor was Hon. William F. Browning, chair- soldier in the war between the States.

man of the Republican county central committee. There was a lively, but friendly, contest, and both men were indorsed by leading Republicans of the community. For this reason it was considerable trouble for Senator Fairbanks to decide who should be favored. Mr. Buskirk has been mayor of the city for several years, and is now serving his second term. He is a young man, and his appointment is a recognition

of that element of the party. The time

of Mr. East, the present incumbent of the

office, does not expire until September. Herbert W. Bowen's Ambition. NEW YORK, March 25.-Friends of Herbert W. Bowen, consul general of the United States at Barcelona, whose official dwelling was surrounded by riotous Spanish students and others after the passage of the Morgan resolutions in the United States Senate in favor of the Cuban insurgents, are urging President McKinley to appoint him minister to Spain. A petition in Bowen's behalf signed by Mayor Strong, W. E. Orr, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and others has been forwarded

A MERITED HONOR.

Archibald A. Young, Well Known in

to the President.

Business and Political Circles. It has been generally understood among politicians and business men in this city that Archibald A. Young would be appointed surveyor of the port at indianapo-

lis. His appointment has almost been a foregone conclusion during the last month, He was chairman of the Marion county Republican central committee during the last campaign, and his magnificent work, which showed in the unprecedented majority rolled up in this county for McKinley, made his candidacy very strong when he announced it. Mr. Young is a member of the tailoring firm of Young & McMurray. He served several terms in the Commo Council from the Third ward, and with the exception of this has held no public office His record in Council was very clean. He was a candidate for the Republican nomination for county clerk in 1894, but was defeated by A. J. Joyce in a close race. Immeditely after his defeat for the nomination Mr. Young took off his coat and began to work for the ticket with all the strength at his command. His course in this campaign endeared him to a great many politicians. Mr. Young is a member of the ing as a business man brought him the hearty and close co-operation of the business men in the city in the last campaign, He is a member of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. He lives on Capitol avenue, north of Seventeenth street.

## TWO PREACHERS ESCAPE

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE EXONER-ATES WALTERS AND SMITH.

Rev. Harwell's Case in Doubt Until the Investigating Preachers Decide on His Sanity.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. KOKOMO, Ind., March 25 .- To-day two of the three special committees appointed to investigate charges against ministers at the Methodist Conference made their reports. In both instances the charges were reported not sustained. In the case of J. H. Walters, of Point Isabel, no specific ply accused of conduct unbecoming a minister of the gospel and of indiscretions. Rev. Walters is a young man, quite popular with a majority of his congregation, and his vindication is pleasing to his many friends.

The charge of adultery and general misconduct against Rev. W. D. Smith, of Middlebury, was likewise thrown out. The charges were preferred by the minister's and who is now seeking a divorce. Mrs. accusation and denial, and the committee naturally decided in the preacher's favor. At the request of Rev. Smith, he was restored to the conference and given promise of an appointment. He was suspended pending investigation, being out only two weeks. It is understood the wife has more

The case against Rev. J. H. Harwell, of the latter hours of the conference. There seems to be no difference of opinion regardonly question being the condition of man's mind. The preachers say they do accountable for his actions, and they will probably take no action until the question of his sanity is determined. The expulsion of Rev. Harwell would instantly follow is also claimed by some that if he be insane now he was in the same condition when he entered the ministry and the license to preach should be revoked, either way considered.

The reports of the presiding elders she It was noticeable that all reported that money was raised with less effort than last year and the donations were more liberal. There was an increase in benevolences, debt-paying and missions. Increased membership in the conference is 5,572. Richmond district, 550; Goshen, 825; Fort Wayne, 913; Warsaw, 1.061; Muncie, 1,100; Kokomo, 1,123. The day's devotional services were highly interesting. The morning session was conducted by Elder Vigus. The conference association of preachers' wives, widows and daughters was largely attended. This aftdressed the Women's Home Missionary Society, followed by evangelist services conducted by A. G. Neal. To-night's session was the anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid Southern Educational Society, the address being by J. W. Hamilton, D. D., of Cincin-

Coming Christian Conference. Special to the Indianapolis Journal,

LEBANON, Ind., March 25 .- On April 13, will meet in this city in semi-annual convention. The president's address will be given on the second day by W. D. Starr. Scofield, T. J. Clark, B. A. Jenkins, W. G. Smith, T. J. Legg, C. L. Smith, Percy Kenlall, J. E. Pounds, L. E. Murry, D. R. Van Buskirk, Henry R. Pritchard, J. H. Mac-Neille, D. R. Lucas, U. C. Bremer, Joseph Franklin, A. H. Morris and John S. Sweeney. The subjects to be discussed will in-

Coming Evangelical Conference. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WABASH, Ind., March 25. - The programme of the meeting of the Fort Wayne district Indiana Conference of the ner, of Elkhart, will deliver the opening sermon. Tuesday morning the examination of junior preachers and applicants for admission to the ministry takes place, this lasting until Wednesday noon. Wednesday afternoon the missionary anniversary will be celebrated and routine work will finish out the week. Bishop Esher, of Chicago, will preside.

POSTAL CLERK INJURED.

Major Mansfield, a Cousin of the Actor, Hurt in a Railway Wreck.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 25 .- The Southern burg, S. C., yesterday afternoon, in which several of the crew badly injured. Major R. E. Mansfield, of Atlanta, received serious injuries and is to-day confined to his home n this city. Major Mansfield was postal clerk on the train and in the accident was thrown against the iron pouch rack, his left side being badly bruised. His head was

LET LOOSE BY THE AUTHORITIES OF AN ARKANSAS COUNTY.

White River Levees Cut, Many People Driven from Their Homes and

Much Live Stock Drowned.

WATER FALLING AT MEMPHIS

BUT CONTINUING TO RISE AT CAIRO AND ALL POINTS ABOVE.

Work of the Relief Steamers at Helena and Other Places-Floods in Georgia and Elsewhere.

HELENA, Ark., March 25 .- A startling rumor reached the city this morning. So startling is it that few people credit it, although stranger things have happened along this raging Father of Waters in times of excitement like the present. The rumor was to the effect that the lower White river levee from Modoc down had been ordered cut by the Desha levee board, the levees being cut in a half dozen places, the released waters devastating the fertile country between Hugheys Landing and Laconia Circle, drowning cattle, horses and mules and driving the defenseless inhabitants to the levee for protection. President Greenfield Quarles, of Cottonbelt levee district No. 1, received information to this effect over the telephone from Modoe today, and it was afterwards repeated from Old Town Landing

A reporter immediately called up James Harden, who is temporarily in charge of the Modoc telephone, and learned that there was good foundation for the rumor. Mrs. Harden says that Mr. Clint Hoghey, near whose house the first break in the levee occurred, called to her husband from the levee this morning, saying he had seen the engineer cut the levee with his own hands at a point near the Dixie plantation. There were already three breaks between Modoc and the Hughey place, the smallest of which was 300 feet wide, and as there are now four breaks below the Hughey place the inference is that the Desha levee board has had the White river levee system riddled in order to save the levee around the rich country contained in the famous Laconia circle. It will be remembered that in 1882 the Mississippi river ran over the tops of the Laconia circle levee, inundating more than 30,000 acres of land contained therein and entailing untold loss and suffering to the defenseless whites and blacks of that rich section. The levees have been greatly enlarged and strengthened since then, but the indications undoubtedly pointed to a similar calamity this year, as the gauges at Modoc, Avenue and Beiths all showed a stage of water unexpected and

The government boat Titan, in command of Assistant Engineer August Nolty, came up from Yellow Banks bayou early this morning and took a tow of five barges oaded with thirty tents, one hundred skiffs and a number of spades and sacks which had been sent from Memphis by the tug Welcome. Captain Nolty believes that there are good prospects of holding the levees from here to Modoc, but thinks that from the latter place down to and including Laconia circle the whole levee system will be as badly riddled and ruined as has

busy day and night bringing people, stock, feed stuff and household goods to this city. where they are being cared for by the relief committee appointed by the Chamber

### SITUATION AT MEMPHIS. Mississippi Still Falling-Arrival and Care of Refugees.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 25 .- Another slight fall in the river is noted to-night and a corresponding rise in the spirits of all interested in the prevailing conditions. of the Weather Bureau, registers 36.7 feet, a fall of one-tenth of a foot. The river at Cairo continues to rise, while at Paducah it is reported stationary. Dispatches from Mississippi is rising slowly. The continued fair weather is a favorable condition. News received from all points along the Mississippi side indicate that the system of been received by the Illinois Central road and are authentic. No more breaks are reported in the Arkansas side. All the trains are running out of Memphis on schedule time with two exceptions.

almost completed the arrangement of Camp Congo, where the colored refugees will be quartered and provided for as long as necessary. Such arrangements will obviate much of the difficulty of the relief work and will enable this work to be prosecuted much more systematically. The steamboat J. H. Henry arrived from New Orleans to-day. The Henry picked up forty-one negro refugees and landed them

The relief committee having received the

shipments of tents from Washington, have

at Helena. The negroes wished to come to Memphis and join the main procession of sufferers, but the captain of the government steamer thought it best to land them nearer home. Nearly all the women and children have been moved out of the flooded country below Modoc, but the men in most cases have remained to take care of their property. At Island 65 Miss Ludlow and Mrs. Biackwood were taken on board and brought to Memphis. Mr. Ludlow remained at his home, which is half-full of water, The family was found living in the attle of their house. All the ladies were almost frightened to death. The Rewena Lee arrived from Ashport to

night. Captain Fitzgerald reports that there was a bad break at J. D. Driver's place, a short distance below Osceols. The levee at Osceola is still intact. From & D. Driver's place down to Pecan Point the levee is badly broken and the water is rushing over into the adjoining country. Precautions at Greenville.

GREENVILLE, Miss., March 25.-The twenty-four hours, and is now six inches higher than the top water mark. The levees are still holding on this side, but the strain is being increased hourly and there is no telling what the outcome may be, The people whose all depends on the staying qualities of the great embankments are still confident of their ability to hold the waters in bounds, but the outlook is not of nature to lend them encouragement, Heroic efforts are being made all along the line, and thousands of men and boys are on constant duty. The weak places are being guarded carefully, built up and strengthened in every way possible, so that there is a chance of yet escaping the desolation and distress a single break would bring on the people and the property own-

ers of this great and fertile valley. Spring Freshets in Georgia. ALBANY, Ga., March 25 .- This section of as now prevail and this city especially feels the disastrous effects of high water. Com-

merce. State and Planter streets are partly